



President's Message

Awesome – Spring or uh Also, new this year is our Summer shall I say has Hunter Memorial Scholarship sprung...with our horses los- award to be awarded to two ing their winter coats faster children under the age of 18 than a high pressure clip job.... who would like to attend Which means most of you will Horse Camp free of charge be out soon if you haven't this summer. Check your already been out enjoying monthly Tailings and or con- those 4-legged friends by tact a BOD member for more now. information.

May is typically a busy horse show month in this area with an event most every week- end. Couple exciting things coming up hosted by MLAHA – our very first Trail Trials Clinic taught by the well-re- nowned Trail Advocate Jaede Miloslavich on June 22nd. See additional details and regis- tration sign-ups here in this month's Tailings.

Don't forget our Fab Arab Award – nominate a special horse or owner by submitting your story to the BOD and receive special recognition and awards year-end.

Also, new this year is our Hunter Memorial Scholarship award to be awarded to two children under the age of 18 who would like to attend Horse Camp free of charge this summer. Check your monthly Tailings and or con- tact a BOD member for more information.

One Important Update – the monthly BOD meeting is mov- ing to the Black Bear Diner – same Foresthill Exit – in Au- burn just south side of the Freeway. Come out and join us – every third Tuesday at 6 p.m. And as always everyone is welcome to attend our meetings – we appreciate and look forward to new ideas and suggestions.

Happy Trails –

Cheryl Hansen
MLAHA President

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NEW MEETING LOCATION!

Commencing May 20, our BOD meetings will be held at the Black Bear Diner, Forest Hill Exit (then right and again right at the light), Auburn at 6 p.m.





Reminder -

Trail Trials Clinic with Jaede Miloslavich is on June 22, at Loomis Basin Horsemen's Arena. The clinic is limited so get your registration in now. More information on Page 7. This is going to be a fun day for riders and horses!

After your trail trials clinic, you will be "rearing" to practice the new skills you've learned at the

2014 MLAHA Trail Trials to be held
September 14, 2014
 Details coming soon!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May	2-4	Red Bluff Arabian Horse Show, Corning, CA
	15-18	Diablo Arabian Horse Show, Brookside Equestrian Center, Elk Grove
	18	Loomis Basin Equine Medical Center Open House, 9 am
	20	Mother Lode Board Meeting, Black Bear Diner, 13365 Lincoln Way, Foresthill Exit, Auburn, 6 pm
	31-6/1	Comstock Arabian Association Spring Fiesta A and B Arabian Horse Shows, Fuji Park, Carson City, NV
June	17	Mother Lode Board Meeting, Black Bear Diner, 13365 Lincoln Way, Foresthill Exit, Auburn, 6 pm
	22	MLAHA Trail Trials Clinic, Loomis Basin Horsemen's Arena. See page 7

Equine Horse Rescue and Kill Pens

Linda Siegel, Past President, MLAHA

It was a shock to begin reading the facts regarding killpens for our equine friends as they are shipped for meat out of the USA to Canada and Mexico. One would think this would be a place where wild, unruly, aged, injured horses go on their way to a compassionate end and good use, but it is not true. Some 150,000 horses are shipped out of the country for slaughter each year. Contrary to popular belief, most of these can be rehabilitated or are already trained. Just last week, 4 gorgeous Arabian mares showed up at a "last chance" auction yard. Fortunately, donations came in and they were bought out, but week after week, more horses come in, and many healthy trained pet horses are shipped to slaughter.

You can read about this at www.aspc.org and at www.habitatforhorses.org Both have complete information. Although millions of dollars are being spent to save these horses, the numbers are not going down. Horses that are stolen, put in local auctions, are surrendered due to the owner's lack of finances, and owner death, put thousands of these horses at the end of the line.

I am proposing a \$50,000,000.00 five-part agenda that will fit in nicely. 1) Gelding clinics – colts are left to be studs because gelding is unaffordable 2) Compassionate euthanasia for horses that are suffering and unable to be saved, 3) Support and certification of rescues, 4) Support of the horse savers at the feed lots, 5) Hay and feed banks for temporary financial problems of owners so the horses can stay in their homes.

There are only two Arabian rescues that I could find – one on the coast in California, and one on the other side of the country. We need more. Please join me as I begin this journey to raise a lot of money – everyone can give, and the more that goes directly to the horses' needs, the better. Encourage anyone to whom you pay any equine money to put a share of their dollars into this effort. No animal should suffer like this, and we can start by taking care of the Arabians.

E-mail me at magicalranch@gmail.com or friend me on Facebook!

Northern California Horse Rescues

1) Horse Plus Humane Society in Oroville
20 Acres – 35 horses, but could go up to 100 in an emergency.

Started as NorCal Equine Rescue in 2003
Four Funds – Auction Rescue, SAFE (Saving Animals from Endangerment), Euthanasia, Gelding
www.horsehumane.org

2) West-Coast Equine Rescue
Networks between rescues, potential owners, etc.
Mostly works with feed-lot horses.
www.westcoastequinerescue.com

3) Freedom Horse Rescue – Lincoln, Ca.
On Facebook

4) Grace Foundation – El Dorado Hills
www.thegracefoundation.com

5) Glide Ranch
Permanent retirement pasture for older horses, and awards grants to many 501©3 rescues
www.glidefoundation.org

6) Horses' Honor - local
www.horseshonor.org

7) BITS (Back in the Saddle)
www.backinthesaddleproject.com

8) Shiloh Foundation Auburn
www.theshilohfoundation.com

9) Pregnant Mare Rescue Aptos
www.pregnantmarerescue.org

10) Coastal Arabian Equine Rescue, Inc. Half Moon Bay
www.caerinc.org

11) Sweetwater Ranch
www.swradoption911.com

12) Trinity Horse Refuge Wheatland (530)
218-7214

Western Pleasure - What the Judge Is Looking For

By Gordon Potts, with Alana Harrison

Reprinted from horseandrider.com

In Arabian Western pleasure, the key is finding a happy medium between you and your horse so you both are comfortable, confident, and proud of your presentation. You must encourage your horse to meet his full potential, and hopefully, he'll be willing to meet your expectations. And if your horse is happy and satisfied doing his job, you'll ultimately succeed in the show pen.

Here, I'm going to explain what exactly judges are looking for in an Arabian pleasure horse, and

Making a Good Impression

In Arabian pleasure, judges are looking for a moderate rate, opposed to an extremely slow or unnatural gait, and they want to see a horse that carries his shoulders up and lifts from the base of his neck while rounding his body and using his back end to propel himself forward. Judges also like to see horses moving forward on a draped rein, but it's imperative in Arabian pleasure that it be a natural drape, meaning your horse is comfortable and confident carrying himself.

A good pleasure horse should appear accepting and pleasant. He should be unhurried and have pure movement in his gaits—a four-beat walk, a two-beat jog, and a three-beat lope.

His hocks should be connected to his face, or bridle. By this, I mean you want your horse's body to move into his head. He shouldn't get "stuck," or leak to the left or right. Your horse should move forward, meeting the bridle; then, he should soften and carry himself in a collected manner.

When it comes to impressing a judge in the show pen, it definitely helps when a horse has a lot of quality, or that "pretty" factor. But what I've learned in the past 35 years

is that you can take a horse who may not have ideal quality, beauty, or conformation, but if that horse can carry himself well, and if you have control over his body and he can supple his neck and go forward on a soft rein, he's going to excel in the show pen.

Gait by Gait

At each gait, a judge wants to see a horse that carries himself well, is balanced and round, and looks as if he could hold the gait for a long period of time without being forced into position.

The walk: At the walk, a horse should be moving energetically forward with cadence, while also being relaxed. Every step should be the same distance, while your horse maintains his frame. He should be engaged, but relaxed and comfortable in that engagement.

The jog: As a judge, I like to see a "soft moving" horse at the jog, but I also want to see him collected, meaning his hocks should be reaching underneath him. In Arabian pleasure, the jog shouldn't be flat—I like to see a horse's hocks bend slightly. If a horse's knees and fetlocks bend a bit too, that's OK, as long as the jog isn't overly animated. As in the walk, the jog should be flowing, with every step the same. There shouldn't be an abrupt movement; it should be flowing.

The lope: The lope should be a pure three-beat gait, and the horse should be engaged in his movement. If your horse is not engaged, the lope will appear sloppy, and he will look as if he doesn't have a sense of purpose in his forward movement, ultimately lacking impulsion. At the lope, a horse should also be round, comfortable, and collected—it shouldn't look as if it's being restrained.



LITTLE BITS

MLAHA will be hosting an informational table at the Loomis Basin Equestrian Medical Center Open House on May 18, 2014. If you haven't contacted them yet, this will be an informative and enjoyable day at their new facility, so call them now at 916-652-7645 and let them know you're planning to attend. Also, if you would like to assist manning our MLAHA table for a time during the day, contact President Cheryl Hansen at 916-202-7851 or email her at placershorseandhomes@gmail.com.

Don't forget our "Fab Arab Award." Although we will be presenting the award at the end of the year, we are taking submissions throughout the year. If you have or had (or *knew*) a wonderful Arabian citizen, please send a story about that horse, together with pictures for the newsletter, to me at counts4275@gmail.com and I will present all the submissions to the board toward the end of the year for selection of the winner.

Also, be sure to sign up for the yearly high point program. Dorothee Moss would be happy to answer any questions you might have. Her email address is iceblumoss@att.net. This is a great program and lots of fun. ANY show qualifies for points!



The MLAHA board is working on a member survey – look for it soon. This is YOUR association and we want to know how the board can better provide the activities and services you would like.

When you receive your survey, please take the time to fill it out and return it. Your input will go a long way in improving MLAHA!

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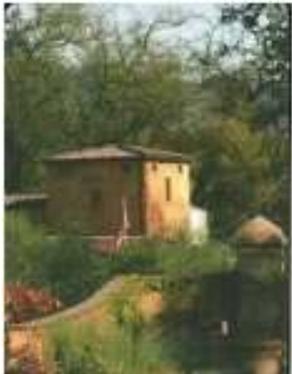
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Mother Lode Arabian Horse Association Membership Committee presents

Trail Trials Clinic with Jaede Miloslavich **"Learning the Basics So You Can Win!"**

Sunday, June 22, 2014

Open to all breeds

Loomis Basin Horsemen's Arena
and Nature Area

\$25 - MLAHA members
Clinic and Lunch

\$40 - All others
Clinic and Lunch

FREE! - Future MLAHA members
(Join MLAHA and get a **FREE** clinic!)

**Entry form and check to MLAHA before
Monday June 16 to guarantee lunch.**

All fees are for one rider, one horse.

Schedule

**9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Trail Trials rules and
obstacles discussion**

The written and unwritten rules

-American Competitive Trail Horse Association (ACTHA) and California State Horsemen's
Association Trail Trials (CSHA)

10:00 AM - Noon Trail Trials basics

Starting with the right horse.

Desensitizing.

Gaits, lateral movement, backing, whoa.

Understanding cues and moves.

How scoring works - what to avoid at all costs.

NOON - Lunch and open practice

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Arena Obstacles

How to practice at home.

Finer points, why some folks always seem to win.

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Nature Area Obstacles

Outside the arena changes everything.

What the judge is looking for.

For Jaede's bio, go here: <http://tinyurl.com/brpd2rm>

All fees to benefit the Mother Lode Arabian Horse Association

Clinic is limited, reserve your space now - auditors, no charge

For entry form, click here: <http://tinyurl.com/oyyltfy> or call Sue at 916.826.1796





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